



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Item No. 10

File No. 195

To: Town Council

From: Matt Hart, Town Manager

Date: January 22, 2019

CC: Vernon Riddick, Police Chief

Subject: Resolution (Hart) to Appropriate \$112,100 in Grant Funds Awarded by the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office under the Federal Highway Safety Program for the Purpose of Comprehensive DUI Enforcement. (195)

Background: The Town applied for and was awarded grant funds for the purpose of conducting Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program. The Town has received these grant funds in years past and continues to utilize them as received.

Operational Impact: Funds will be used to conduct activities with a goal of reducing the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities from impaired driving through increased high-visibility enforcement activities and to communicate to the public, through media venues, the increased level of DUI enforcement so that drivers will realize the risks and consequences of operating a vehicle while under the influence and, therefore, deter that behavior.

Financial Impact: Town Council adoption of this resolution would have a direct fiscal impact on the fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020 budgets of the General Fund. Estimated intergovernmental revenue would increase \$112,100 with a corresponding appropriation for overtime in the Police department to conduct DUI enforcement activities. The grant period ends September 7, 2019; any unused funds as of June 30, 2019 would be carried forward to FY 2020.

Legal Review: Corporation Counsel's office has reviewed and approved the form and legality of the proposed resolution.

Project Schedule: The grant period is November 1, 2018 through September 7, 2019.

Recommendation: In order to access the grants funds to conduct this important enforcement initiative, staff recommends Council approval of the attached resolution.

Attachments: See attached resolution.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$112,100 IN GRANT FUNDS AWARDED BY THE
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S HIGHWAY SAFETY
OFFICE UNDER THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM FOR THE
PURPOSE OF COMPREHENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford applied for and was awarded federal funds by the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office under the Federal Highway Safety Program (State Project 0199-0722-DR) in the amount of \$112,100 to provide comprehensive Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement program activities from November 1, 2018 through September 7, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the objectives of this program are to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities from impaired driving through increased high-visibility enforcement activities and to communicate to the public, through media venues, the increased level of DUI enforcement so that drivers will realize the risks and consequences of operating a vehicle while under the influence and, therefore, deter that behavior, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford desires to utilize such funds for additional DUI patrol activities, in accordance with both federal and state regulations, policies, and procedures that govern the use of highway safety funds, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of these DUI patrol activities is \$112,100, which will be fully funded with this grant,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD THAT grant funds under the Federal Highway Safety Program are appropriated for the purpose of expanded DUI enforcement activities in accordance with the terms of the grant, and the fiscal year 2018-2019 General Fund budget is amended as follows:

Increase Estimated Revenue

01-220410-20101-9070	Federal Grant Revenue	\$112,100
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Increase Appropriations

01-220410-20101-1010	Overtime	\$112,100
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